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FORMER CARLISLE RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CRAIG MacPHERSON, 40, Carlisle, Indiana, was sentenced to 17 years and 6 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to two counts of producing child pornography. This case was the result of a investigation by the Carlisle Town Marshal and the Department of Homeland Security, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

A search warrant was served at MacPHERSON's residence in Carlisle on June 16, 2004 based on information gathered by ICE agents and other law enforcement officers regarding MacPHERSON's internet activities. In the home, agents and officers found

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MacPHERSON's computer with a web camera attached and a digital camera. MacPHERSON used both of these to take images of two children, ages 15 and 6, engaging in sexually explicit conduct. MacPHERSON admitted viewing child pornography images using the internet through newsgroups and chatting with other like-minded individuals in chatrooms.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed lifetime supervised release following MacPHERSON's imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, MacPHERSON must undergo sex offender treatment program and polygraph examinations, register as a sex offender, and cannot have any unsupervised contact with children.

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